

MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF GRILL FLAME, SCIENTIFIC EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Update

7 August 1979

1. Yesterday I submitted the interim report (classified) to the Under Secretary in accordance with our previous discussion. The report was very well received and Dr. LaBerge seemed very pleased with our progress to date. The report contained the following two essential statements:

a. Following our initial review of RV experiments, especially those performed in accordance with the SRI protocol and procedures, it is our conclusion that existing experimental practices are not likely to enhance the credibility in the RV process, nor are they likely to establish the existence of the very phenomena.

b. We recommend that AMSAA be tasked to address the issue of an RV experiment that approaches, as far as possible, "viewing" experiments which can be judged by humans, hopefully in a mechanistic way, i.e., filling in blocks on an answer sheet responsive to "yes" or "no" type of answers. It may be useful to do this work in addition to the type of experiments already planned, rather than in complete replacement thereof. What we recommend can be approached by picking targets that are simple and in such contrast to their surroundings that no imagination is needed to ascertain a "match", to what AMSAA calls an "essence" or "concept". This, of course, would mean that the AMSAA's target pool must include targets that are simple, relatively unambiguous and well defined by a minimum of descriptors such as shape, smell, size, function, etc. (Since relatively simple scenes are alleged to offend the sensibilities of the viewers, we should then be prepared to grudgingly increase the complexity until the viewers appear to be satisfied.)

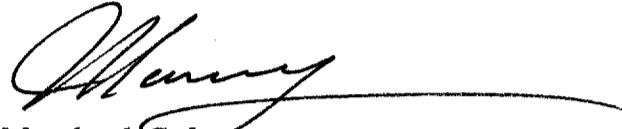
2. I also received a report from AMSAA detailing 20 RV experiments, following the SRI protocol in what they describe as a Phase I effort. The report is classified and is available in my office for your review or could be mailed to you upon request if you can receive SECRET information. The report summarizes their work as follows: "Our replication of the protocol did not result in statistical significance, but, more importantly, it did result in a significant amount of learning on the part of all of the participants as well as a recognition of the criticality of the evaluation process. Additionally, we learned a great deal about ourselves."

3. Also, I have just received a very interesting memo from Dr. Hal Puthoff and am inclosing a copy for your information and any comments which you may wish to make to me. (I prefer if all correspondence or contacts with SRI be channeled through the Committee Chairman.) I am also sending you two documents that were inclosed with Hal's memorandum.

a. "Standard Remote Viewing Procedures; Local Sites (SRI's Current Protocol)."

b. "Remote Perturbation Procedures."

4. I have set several efforts in motion to gain detailed access to work carried out by the U. S. Air Force, and I will keep you posted on my progress in this regard.



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3 Inclosures
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